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From: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 3:25 PM
To: DiNatale, Margaret (DPH)
Subject: RE: REMINDER: input requested
Attachments: modified NE Public Health Monthly QA Conference Calls.doc

see attached

From: DiNatale, Margaret (DPH)
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 10:51 AM
To: DiNatale, Margaret (DPH); Alfonso, Felipe (DPH); Belanger, Peter (DPH); Borne, Alan (DPH); Caloggero, Dina (DPH); Chen, Karen (DPH); Clemmer, Jill (DPH); Gauthier, Cheryl (DPH); Han, Linda (DPH); Hennigan, Scott (DPH); Holland, James (DPH); Jacobsen, Patricia (DPH); Jenner, Jennifer (DPH); Kazianis, Arthur (DPH); Konomi, Raimond (DPH); Krumholz, Glenn (DPH); Nassif, Julianne (DPH); O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH); Rubin, Alan (DPH); Salemi, Charles (DPH); Servizio, Paul (DPH); Smole, Sandra (DPH); Stiles, Tracy (DPH); Swanson, Tanya (DPH)
Subject: REMINDER: input requested
Importance: High

Hi Everyone,
This is a friendly reminder to please participate in the attached survey.
At a minimum, the highlighted questions: questions 1; 5; 6; 8; 9; 11; 12.
Due date: February 24

Thanks,
Peggy DiNatale

From: DiNatale, Margaret (DPH)
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 1:19 PM
To: Alfonso, Felipe (DPH); Belanger, Peter (DPH); Borne, Alan (DPH); Caloggero, Dina (DPH); Chen, Karen (DPH); Clemmer, Jill (DPH); Elvin, Paul (DPH); Gauthier, Cheryl (DPH); Han, Linda (DPH); Hennigan, Scott (DPH); Holland, James (DPH); Jacobsen, Patricia (DPH); Jenner, Jennifer (DPH); Kazianis, Arthur (DPH); Konomi, Raimond (DPH); Krumholz, Glenn (DPH); Nassif, Julianne (DPH); O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH); Rubin, Alan (DPH); Salemi, Charles (DPH); Servizio, Paul (DPH); Smole, Sandra (DPH); Stiles, Tracy (DPH); Swanson, Tanya (DPH); Wang, Xingtai (DPH)
Cc: DiNatale, Margaret (DPH)
Subject: input requested

Hi,
Recently the QA group has been discussing future direction for the monthly PHL conference calls. I have been the facilitator for many calls and the coordinator for all of the calls over the past two years. It is time to assess the calls in terms of format and topics.

Each PHL is being asked to complete the attached survey. The Laboratory Supervisors and Directors are being asked to at a minimum complete questions 1; 5; 6; 8; 9; 11; 12.

It would be most appreciated if you would please take the time to complete these questions. **Please submit your responses to me by February 24.**

Below in this email is a copy of the email I sent to each of the PHL QA Officers. This will save me from retyping the background information. I've spoken with Charlie today and he continues to support these calls. He also said that we are the only Region that has implemented and sustained these calls.

Thanks for your input,

Peggy DiNatale

Copy of email to New England PHL QA Officers on 2/16/10:

Hi Everyone,

Your input is needed.

I've had several email and phone discussions with Heidi Dillenbeck and Jill Power about the future direction of our monthly calls.

Heidi inquired with the CMS surveyors in NY and it appears that our forum is unique. Heidi emailed the NY surveyors and Charlie Reynolds to see if these calls should be expanded to include additional states: PA, NJ, MD, VA, DE.

After discussing it with Heidi and Jill, here is my take; It is not my decision to make for the group.

Since Charlie got us started and provides the phone lines, we need to hear from Charlie regarding the participants and ideas for future topics. I feel we also need to hear from the PHL QA Officers and Laboratory Supervisors who have been participating in these calls. Previously we agreed to discuss future calls and possible format changes during the April conference call.

These calls were originally designed to: a) provide a forum for the PHL QA Officers and the PHL Supervisors to share information related to testing performed at PHL; b) provide a meeting for PHL Supervisors since many are unable to travel to meetings. The attached survey contains a question to assess if we met these two original objectives.

I've developed a questionnaire for each of us to complete, which may help us determine future direction for these calls. Please complete the survey and please add any comments/concerns that you feel the survey doesn't address. **Please send them back to me by February 24.**

I will collate the responses and send a copy to everyone.

Thanks for taking the time to respond to this questionnaire.

Peggy DiNatale